Justice G.C. Garg to inquire into the cause of the accident is still awaited. The commission has been requested to complete the work at the earliest.

Railway Fare Freight Ratio

1582. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Railway fare-freight ratio, *i.e.*, earning of passenger km. *vis-a-vis* earning per tonnes km. is 0.32;

(b) whether this is one of the lowest in the world;

(c) if so, the comparative position; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve India's position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Railway fares and freight ratio (earning of passenger km. *vis-a-vis* earning per tonne km.) is 0.31 (approximate) in 1999-2000.

(b) to (c) The data relating to other railways of the world are not available with this Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.

Schemes of track renewal in Madhya Pradesh

1583. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes relating to doubling, renewal and electrification of tracks which have been under implementation in Madhya Pradesh since the Seventh, the Eighth and the Ninth Five Year Plans;

(b) what has been the progress made so far;

(c) how long it would take to complete these projects; and

(d) what are the cost escalation estimates?

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